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Southern decides to end women's tennis program

College will honor scholarships for next year

CHRISTOPHER A. CLARK
EDITOR

Elimination of the women's tennis program at the end of the current season has caused anger and confusion among at least three team members.

Glenn Dolence, vice president for student services, made the decision March 1 to eliminate the program, citing lack of interest and economic feasibility as reasons.

Dolence cited a lack of interest in the tennis program and increasing interest in men's and women's cross country teams for the first time in the fall, using money from women's tennis to pay for the new program.

"We could appeal to a greater number of students with track and field than we did with tennis," Dolence said. "When

we got down to numbers, the numbers just were not there."

Beard echoed Dolence's statements, saying economics and a lack of interest hurt the program's chances. She said the tennis team only had three players the day before its first match.

"At Missouri Southern we have 'X' amount of dollars, and when we look at tennis the situation we come up with shows us that we have had to struggle to field a full team," she said. "Spending \$12,000 for three players is pretty hard to justify."

Beard said the College "feels a commitment to spend money where the interest is shown." She said there has been an "overwhelming" response and a "definite interest by the student body" for cross country and track.

In a letter addressed to "Whom it may concern," Hartford Tunnell, head coach, said, "I am willing to forgo any compensation for managing the tennis program,

if it will enable us to keep our commitments." Beard has received the letter, but says its intentions are vague.

"The letter wasn't addressed to anyone in particular, so I don't know what his intentions are," Beard said. "I don't know how to respond to it."

As a result of the program's elimination, Bruce Kelley, assistant professor of computer science, resigned from the athletic committee Monday. In a letter to Dr. Paul Teverow, Faculty Senate president, and Wayne Harrell, chair of the athletic committee, Kelley announced his resignation and expressed his concerns about the program's termination.

According to Beard, the decision to eliminate the tennis program was an administrative one, not something for consideration by the athletic committee.

Adriana Rodriguez, a freshman from Mexico City and the team's No. 1 player, is unsure of her next move.

"It was hard to leave Mexico because I was going somewhere where I didn't know anybody," Rodriguez said. "But I just want to play. We are all upset that we won't get to play."

really like this college. I have friends here, and I don't want to go somewhere else."

Rodriguez said that after she informs her parents of the elimination, they will probably ask her to return home.

"It is something I need to decide," she said. "I want to stay here. I love to play tennis. I have been playing all my life. I came here with the intention of playing tennis, and now they are going to cancel it."

In a meeting with the players Tuesday, Dolence informed them that the College will maintain their scholarships, at least through the 1989-90 year.

"We feel that if a student works hard and makes a commitment to come here, then we feel a commitment to the student," Dolence told *The Chart*. "We have honored our commitment."

Melissa Woods, a freshman from Springfield and the No. 2 player on the team, believes the scholarships are secondary.

"The money is a big part," Woods said. "But I just want to play. We are all upset that we won't get to play."

Players have said they feel a "lack of respect" from the athletic department and that the team has been "pushed down."

Melissa Lambert, a junior from Seneca and member of the team, calls the termination "unbusiness-like."

"I think it is unfair for a school to do something like this," Lambert said. "A school shouldn't make promises it can't keep."

Players said they came away dissatisfied from Monday's meeting with Beard.

"We were treated very unfairly," Lambert said. "She didn't seem to have respect for our side of the issue."

The team started with three players, but currently has eight. Tunnell, who had already recruited high school players for next season, thought the outlook for the 1990 season was even brighter.

"We could have been one of the strongest teams in the MIAA," Tunnell said. "We were recruiting the state cham-

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Ashcroft's cuts 'would kill' College, legislator believes

BY ROBERT J. SMITH
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Missouri lawmakers heard from Gov. John Ashcroft Tuesday as he spelled out the possible consequences of \$192 million in statewide budget cuts.

The cuts stem from a March 28 U.S. Supreme Court ruling that states could not tax federal pensions while exempting the pensions of state and local government workers, as Missouri does. Missouri, which first expected the money owed to federal pensioners to be \$166 million, has learned that the total debt could be \$192 million.

"It could possibly end up around \$200 or \$210 million," said Dr. Julio Leon, Missouri Southern president.

Ashcroft would cut the state's budget for fiscal year 1990 in the following manner:

- \$45.4 million that would have been new money in the higher education budget;
- \$37 million in funds that would have been used for pay raises and cost of living increases for state employees;
- \$33 million in state aid for secondary and elementary education;
- \$16.9 million from the mental health budget;
- \$14.4 million from social services;
- \$8.4 million in statewide capital improvements;
- \$3.6 million from corrections;
- \$2.8 million from the budget of public safety.

Ashcroft's cuts still fall \$30 million short of the anticipated \$192 million needed to pay off the federal pensioners.

"He (Ashcroft) told us they would be bloody cuts, and they were," said Rep. Mark Elliott (R-Webb City). "The cuts aren't going to be where everyone wants them to be."

"I'm really having a struggle with this. This is one of the few things I've lost sleep over. This has really bothered me."

According to Elliott, little hope remains in Southern's effort to begin construction on a social sciences and communications building.

"I think on anything new, you can about kiss it off," Elliott said.

Rep. Gary Burton (R-Joplin) said he believes Ashcroft's cuts are "too drastic."

"It (the Governor's proposal) would kill Missouri Southern," Burton said. "It's a fast-growing college and it needs more money."

Burton said the governor's suggestion is just one of several that state legislators will have before a final decision is made.

"I really feel like this is just one of the proposals that will be floating around," Burton said. "The governor has come out with his proposed cuts, and I think that is a good start to things. But I think it's just the beginning of the debate."

Leon said he is in favor of some type of "revenue-enhancing measure."

"The problem is that Missouri is a low tax state and it's not generating enough money for its services," Leon said. "The positive action I hear is talk of some kind

of temporary tax that would last for a couple of years."

Sen. J.B. Banks (D-St. Louis) said he does not favor a tax, but realizes that one is needed to solve the pension problem.

"Very few politicians want to advocate an additional tax," Banks said. "The governor needs to come out in favor of a tax increase."

"I don't see any fat in any part of the budget we have put together. I certainly think the governor needs to take a stand on the tax issue. And I don't agree with cutting higher education."

Burton and Elliott agree that the legislature is capable of making a decision before it adjourns May 12 without relying on a special session.

"We have plenty of time to take care of this problem," Elliott said. "It would just be a sham of the taxpayers."

"At the same time, it's something you don't decide in a few days."

Leon places 'freeze' on new positions, for the time being

Cuts into the 1989-90 higher education budget would have a serious effect on Missouri Southern.

To refund taxes paid on federal pensions the last four years, Missouri must come up with an estimated \$192 million. Unless lawmakers agree on a tax increase to offset that amount, higher education will most likely lose \$45.4 million from its 1989-90 budget.

College President Julio Leon has already placed a "hold" or "delay" on the hiring of new faculty.

"The instruction I have given the vice presidents is to freeze everything until we know," Leon said.

Leon indicated that the College would continue the interview process for 1989-90 job openings, but said Southern cannot afford to tender contracts until the budget concerns are solved.

In addition, Leon said an additional student fee increase might be another possible solution. The College has already passed an 8.5 percent tuition hike.

"It's possible, and it's something that we may just have to wait and see," he said. "Any speculation as to how much that would be is premature."

"You even have to think about things like not even having summer school a year from now."

Leon also said it was premature to speculate on faculty salary increases.

"At this point, we are looking at a very dark cloud filled with water. Since it's not raining, why should I open my umbrella? In a couple of weeks we will have a better idea as to where we stand. I remain confident that the leaders of the state can come up with a workable solution."

Leon and Missouri's other college presidents meet with Gov. John Ashcroft at 10 a.m. today to further discuss the situation.

Wave theory

(From left) Southern students Chuck Lasley, Jim Holder, and Judd McPherson look on as a string and a strobe light are used to demonstrate a wave theory in Dr. Russell Phillips' physics class.

Student services gains extra representation

CHRISTOPHER A. CLARK
EDITOR

An overwhelming majority of the Faculty Senate gave approval Monday to a measure that would align learning center with student services and give student services an extra Senate representative.

The measure passed by a 15-3 vote. Before the vote was taken, Dr. Vernon Peterson, associate professor of communications, expressed concern that while student services and the learning center do not represent other departments, they have been considered for and denied representation on such committees as academic policies.

"They do not represent any academic areas on our campus," Peterson said. "There are bodies that do and are not considered for representation."

Karst, counselor, said Peterson's remarks represented "sour grapes on the part of the communications department." "We are very much a part of the academic process at this college," Karst said. "According to Dr. Paul Teverow, some faculty members have been approached, but at Monday's meeting, he would not name names."

"This has been a problem the last couple of years," said Teverow. "The executive committee is trying to find interested people."

Few are interested in Senate post

Candidates for the office of Faculty Senate president may be few and far between.

According to Dr. Paul Teverow, Senate president, some faculty members have been approached, but at Monday's meeting, he would not name names.

"This has been a problem the last couple of years," said Teverow. "The executive committee is trying to find interested people."

Nominations for executive offices,

denied the English and communications departments separate representation on the academic policies committee. Peterson said he would throw away representation of communications on the Senate if it meant that the Senate would be more consistent as to which departments are allowed representation.

"I am holding out for some kind of standard by which membership can grow and be limited other than strictly by numbers," he said. "I have to represent my department. I certainly can't sit there and be contradictory in our constituency."

"Certainly they [student services and the learning center] need representation of another senator. However, I think there needs to be some consistent application. Let's apply it across the board, consistently."

Earlier in the semester, the Senate

including president, vice president, and secretary, will be taken from the floor during the Senate's May 1 meeting.

Teverow said he is "cautiously optimistic" about finding candidates who are interested in serving.

Vice president Sallie Beard said she was not interested in Teverow's office.

"No, I cannot do that at all," Beard said. "With my father (Gilbert Roper) on the Board of Regents, there would be a conflict of interest. I'm not sure I could get elected."

Burton said the governor's suggestion is just one of several that state legislators will have before a final decision is made.

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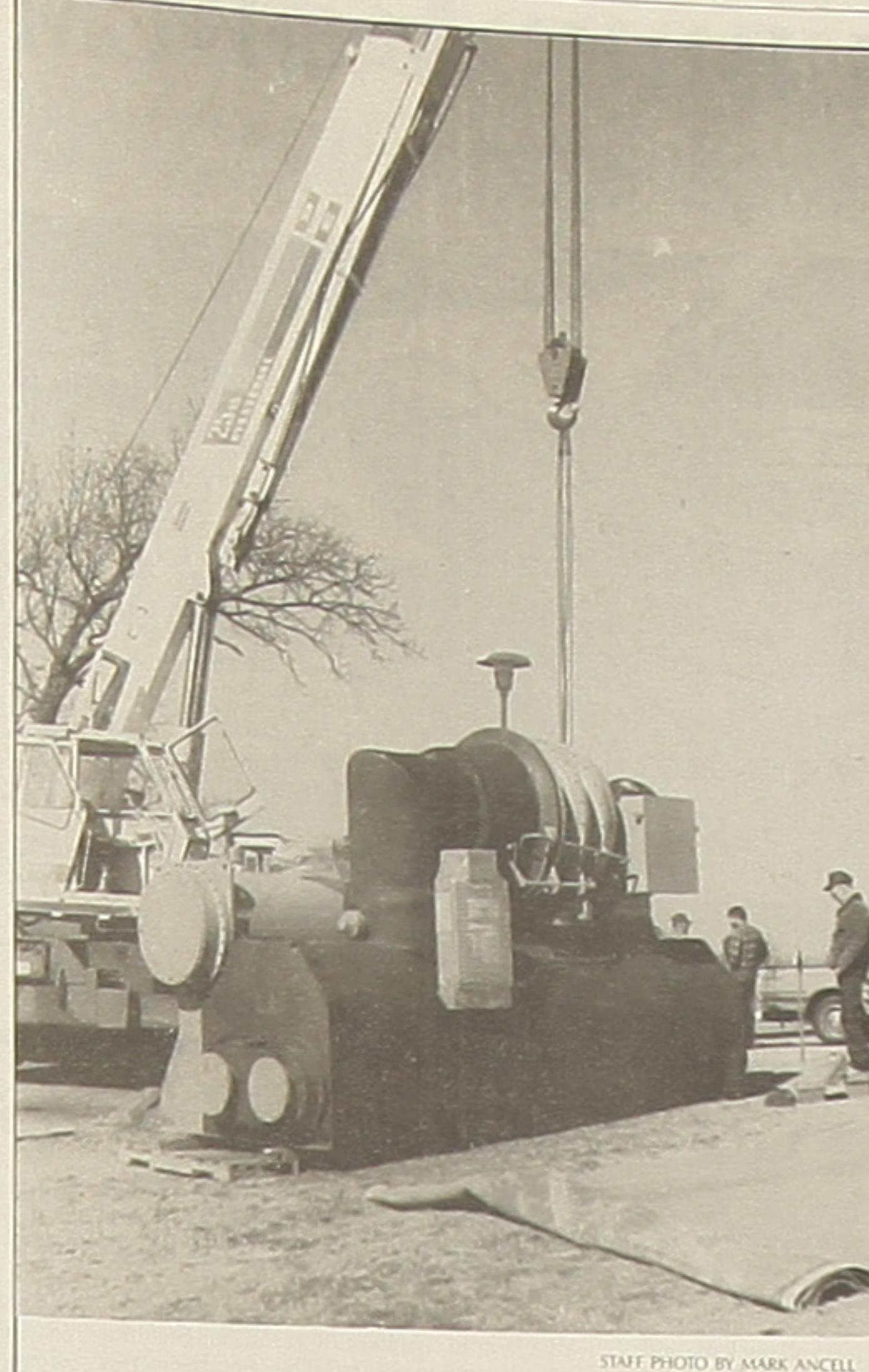
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Two seniors to receive recognition

Susan Paulson and Scott Fields have been selected as the outstanding graduates of Missouri Southern this year and will be honored at the 13th annual Honors Convocation at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Taylor Auditorium. In addition, 61 students will be named to the Missouri Iota Chapter of Alpha Chi (a national honors society), 45 will be named outstanding in their academic departments, and nine will receive special awards of recognition.

Paulson and Fields were selected by the awards committee of the College's Alumni Association after being nominated by the faculty. They were chosen on the basis of their participation in a variety of campus activities, their high standard of character and the respect of peers and faculty, their service to the College and evidence of leadership on campus and in the community, and their high grade-point average. Paulson has been a member of Omicron Delta Kappa, Kappa Mu Epsilon, Alpha Chi Prexy Club, Math Club, and the Seniors Club. She was listed in Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. After receiving a bachelor of science degree in mathematics this spring, Paulson plans to attend the University of North Texas to pursue her master's degree in mathematics. She is a 1985 graduate of Neosho High School. Fields will receive a bachelor of business administration degree in accounting from Missouri Southern and plans to continue working with the accounting firm of Myers, Baker, Rife and Denham that he has been with for the last 10 months. He is a member of the National Association of Accountants, the Financial Management Association, the Missouri Society of Certified Public Accountants, Pi Sigma Epsilon, and Alpha Chi. He is a 1980 graduate of Sedalia Smith Cotton High School.



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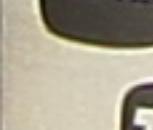
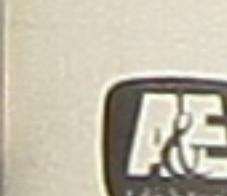
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Graduate schools select Southern biology majors

Prentice says department has 100% acceptance rate

BY MARK R. MULIK
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

When Missouri Southern biology graduates seek entrance into professional or graduate schools, they "scatter widely," says Dr. Vonnie Prentice, department head of biology.

"Approximately one-third of our graduates will go on to graduate schools," said Prentice, "and about 40 to 50 percent will go on to professional schools. Seventeen to 18 percent will go directly into the work force."

Prentice said most of the graduates heading immediately into the work force will work in quality-control types of laboratories "like Con-Agra or Schreiber Cheese."

According to Prentice, there are six types of professional schools for Southern biology graduates: medical, osteopathic, dentistry, veterinary, optometry, and physical therapy.

The basic entrance requirements for medical schools and dental schools will be generally courses in college algebra, trigonometry, 20 hours of chemistry, eight hours of physics, as much biology as you can get in, six hours of communication courses, and six to 12 hours of social and behavioral science," said Prentice.

Graduate schools, as opposed to professional schools, in biological sciences are generally for students seeking Ph.D.s.

Prentice said the acceptance rate of Southern biology graduates to graduate schools is "virtually 100 percent."

Southern graduates and prospective graduates who will attend professional schools include, for medical school: Bill Bentz, University of Missouri-Columbia; for osteopathic school: Craig Abernathy, Jim Morgan, and Robin Western, Oklahoma Osteopathic School; and Robin

Reed, Kansas City Osteopathic School; for dental school: Michael LaFerla, University of Nebraska-Lincoln; and for veterinary medicine school: Vincent Baumhoege, University of Missouri-Columbia.

Prentice said pharmacy schools had not yet made their acceptance announcements.

According to Prentice, the acceptance rate of Southern graduates into the University of Missouri School of Medicine is 60 percent, the Oklahoma Osteopathic School 94 percent, the Kansas City Osteopathic School 94 percent, the University of Nebraska School of Dentistry 89 percent, and the University of Missouri School of Veterinary Medicine 84 percent.

"The acceptance rate is high because of the screening process of the program," he said. "First, we'll lose 60 percent of the pre-professional majors [in the biology department] within their first year here. They'll change to straight biology or something else. Second, the pre-professional committee is coordinated by a consistent member."

Prentice has been the coordinator of the pre-professional committee for 15 years.

"Consistency is important for establishing a rapport with the professional schools and keeping abreast with their admissions policies," he said.

Prentice said Southern's overall average acceptance rate into professional school is 86 percent.

He said the current number of Southern biology graduates seeking professional degrees, seven, is "pretty representative of Missouri Southern."

"It's pretty well feast or famine," said Prentice. "We may have two or three [graduates going to professional schools] or we may have 10 to 12."

When graduates are not accepted at the school they pick as their top choice, they generally have applied to other schools.

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Tax increase is the solution

The U.S. Supreme Court's ruling concerning federal retiree pensions has the state scrambling to find ways to solve its budget woes for FY 1990.

In our view, higher education can absorb no cuts. The solution is obvious. Taxes must be increased to replace the money that now must go to federal pensioners.

During campaign speeches, citizens heard of Republican pledges to work with the Democrats, and vice versa. Now is the time to make good on those promises. Gov. John Ashcroft is waiting for the Democrats to propose a tax increase, while the Democrats think such a proposal should first come from Ashcroft.

It shouldn't matter who breaks the ice first and suggests a tax increase. We urge the Governor and the Democrat-controlled General Assembly to put aside party politics and work out a solution. And the solution is a tax increase. Whether it's a temporary tax or a permanent tax is irrelevant. Missouri must have a tax increase, and the time for action is now.

Vote for Woods

Through careful consideration, The Chart endorses Sara Woods as the next Student Senate president.

Woods, who has served on the Senate for two and a half years, is currently Senate secretary. A communications major, Woods is an honors student and will serve a second semester as a College Orientation leader this fall. Woods serves as the student representative to the Board of Regents, and her greatest strengths are her responsibility and dependability.

Erik Schrader, Woods' opponent, has been active in the intramural program and communications department. He would bring enthusiasm to the office, but his inexperience in matters of the Senate is a weakness. Fresh faces may bring fresh ideas, but we cannot afford to take that risk with an untested Schrader.

In endorsing Woods, we are expecting her to keep all Senate meetings open to the public and the media. We expect the Senate to continue serving as the voice of the student body. We also expect more careful consideration when members allocate student funds.

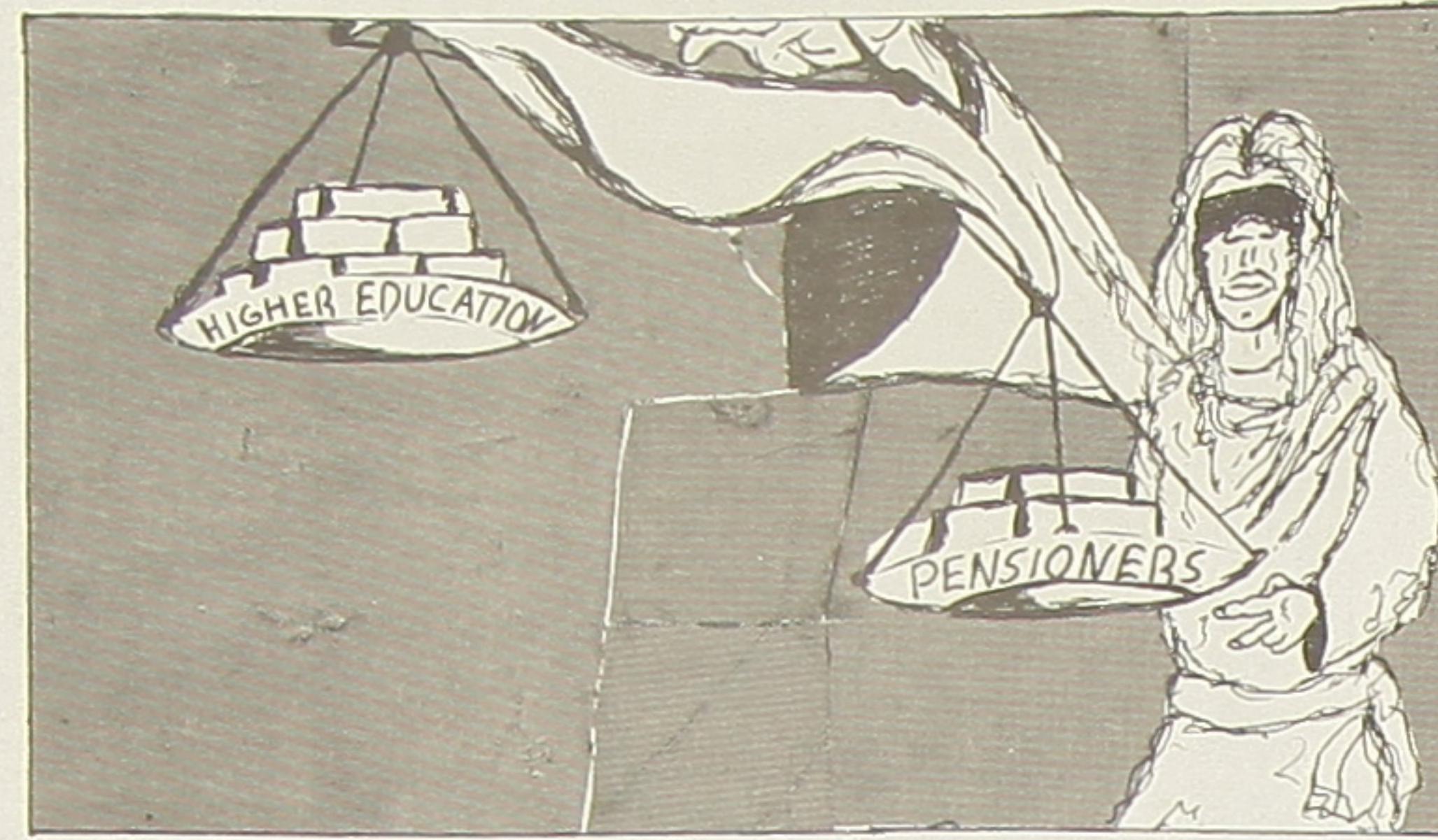
The most important thing to remember is to vote Monday. To win last year's election, Senate President Robert Stokes received only 189 votes. We hope this year's election will provide better voter turnout and prove that a candidate needs more than a mere fraction of the total student population to hold such an important office.

Vote for me for president

My name is Sara Woods and I would like to serve as president of Student Senate next year. To give you a little background, I have been on Senate for two and a half years and am currently serving as secretary of the organization. Through my association with the Senate, I have served on many committees including the scholarship, aid, and award committee, the ACT COMP assessment committee, and the Senate finance committee.

I want you to feel comfortable with my qualifications, but I do not want to focus too much on myself. What is important is the meaning and the purpose of Student Senate. The Senate works to allocate student fees to various campus organizations; however, its other and perhaps more important responsibility is to represent student views on campus issues. I am excited about the workings and accomplishments of the Senate this year. Through the efforts of the organization, a copier has been placed in Matthews Hall and further efforts are under way to place another copier in the education/psychology building. Formal resolutions have been made by the Senate that encouraged the reinstatement of "Dead Day," the retention of the current grade policy system (rather than a switch to a plus/minus system), and the development of a new smoking policy. Aside from these examples of Senate resolutions, the organization has gotten involved with the community and has raised over \$400 for the United Way.

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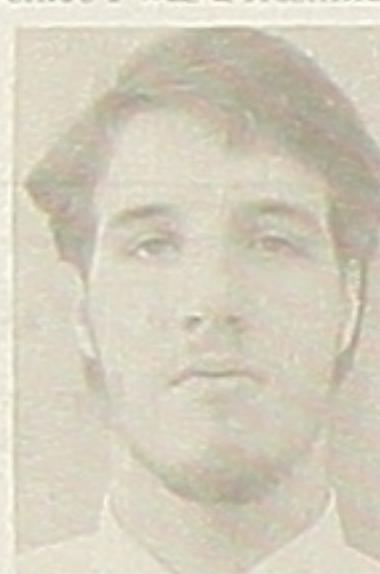


Thank you to those who assisted me

BY MARK R. MULIK
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

I've spent a lot of time thinking about what I'm going to write in this last column of mine. I've thought about trying to tie up all the loose ends I've come across in my four years with *The Chart*, from tracking my progress since I was a freshman and covering all my unfinished projects—from unused story and page ideas to a crossword puzzle I could have worked up on our typesetting system had I a good-enough puzzle to start with. I've thought about trying to get back at all those people who paid enough attention to me to write letters of disgust and hatred that were printed in this paper. (No, I haven't thought about apologizing to anyone I've insulted in print.) But this column is no place for revenge, and it's no place for the boring life story I could put in it.

This is a personal column, however. And, it is a goodbye column. It's customary for senior *Chart* staffers to say their thanks to everyone at the College they've learned from. But I'm not going to do that! Just kidding. It's unavoidable. This is my last



EDITOR'S COLUMN

chance to give comments in this publication.

My foremost thanks must go to Chad Stebbins, *Chart* adviser. I'm convinced he can take any raw, untrained individual and grind him or her into a useful, skilled newspaper person, provided the individual has enough guts to take the pressure. Without Chad's advice and guidance, I would not have known about nor pursued the summer job I took two years ago at *The Carthage Press*. It was Chad who gave me the idea to take on the burden of being president of the Missouri College Newspaper Association; that was somewhat of a mess but quite an experience. Also, without Chad's help, I would not have known about internship possibilities at major metropolitan newspapers, and I would not have gotten my internship last summer at *The Times-Picayune*, New Orleans' largest newspaper. Thank you, Chad, for taking this raw, untrained person and turning him into a hardcore newspaper professional.

Thanks also go to Rob Smith, whom I will thank when the year is over, over a ice-cold one or two or three (keep counting)—as I will never have to work with him again.

There are others: Dr. Edward Merryman and Dr. Robert Brown, for their advice and friendship; Dr. Karolyn Yocom, for her patience; and John

Ford, for his droll humor.

Brief thanks go to those of you readers who my "one-sentence column" last year, for your

taste. (I thought about doing that again,

I also need to bid good luck to the staff members who are not graduating. You have the task of you of building a better staff and training yourselves (with Chad's help, of course). And you'll put up with Ford and his "MONSTER TRUCK" routine for several more years. Ford's been here four or five years; I think he's going for a re

Don't let anyone tell you Arthur Strobel is one to take for physical science. He's a good guy. (Does that give me the brownie points I need to pass your class, Strobel?)

Upon my graduation, I have a career to pursue. I'm going to try magazine journalism, and I ready have a job in the field. Those of you who enjoyed my writing will have the access and opportunity to continue enjoying my writing, as I'm the associate editor of *In Joplin! Metropolitan Magazine*, and I'll have things published in publication starting with the May issue. I'm looking forward to starting full-time there after graduation as I know it's something at which I can be successful.

My days with *The Chart* I shall always remember. *The Chart* is where I've learned the basics of what I hope to be a long career in the media business.

History fulfills a curiosity of ourselves

BY SHAWN HULL
JUNIOR HISTORY MAJOR

When people find out that I want to be a history teacher, the question they ask most frequently after they stop laughing, is "Why?" (I must admit that I have asked that question many times myself.) People generally have two questions in mind when they ask this. They have usually been bored to death by a bad teacher and cannot understand why anyone would willingly subject themselves to history. Furthermore, they cannot comprehend how anyone could possibly make a living by teaching history. These all too common attitudes sadden me, but they do not come as a complete surprise since most students only take history because it is part of the general education requirements.

Working in reverse order, their concern about making a living is much easier to answer than their first concern. Unfortunately, their concern is a valid



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one. Certainly no one has ever become a history teacher for the money involved. However, the material rewards are adequate, and the other benefits, such as job security and working with students, far outweigh the size of the salary.

However, the answer to their first concern is not quite so easy. Their question ultimately boils down to, "Why study history at all?" They ask this question primarily because they view history merely as a list of important dates, battles, and people. However, history is much more than a timeline. Rather, it is the story of mankind and his society as seen through the continuum of time. However, since people view history as just a series of dates and battles, they are often bored by the subject; but, anyone that tells you that history is boring either does not know what they are talking about or they feel that humanity itself is boring. Every field of human endeavor, ranging from music to technology, is part of the study of history.

Some people argue that they do not want to study the past, but rather, to live for the future. Their motivation is desirable, but their attitude is

nearsighted. Only through the careful study of history can we best determine how we should shape our future. A society which has a faulty or incorrect knowledge of its own past is like a person suffering from amnesia. They do not know who they are or where they have been, and thus are unable to learn from their previous mistakes. It may be cliché to say that those who are ignorant of history are condemned to repeat it, but nevertheless it remains true.

However, the study of history is important far more than just its practical applications guiding our actions; it helps fulfill a spiritual longing for their roots that all people have. This is not necessarily in the religious sense, but rather in the emotional sense of the word. People have a tremendous longing to know who they are and from where they come (witness the enormous increase in genealogy following Alex Haley's *Roots*). History helps to fulfill this curiosity about ourselves by explaining the development of our society and its various components of it. A thorough knowledge of history is crucial for the complete fulfillment of an individual and the society in which he lives, without which man remains an unwhole being.

Vote for me for president

As the 1988-89 school year comes to a close, it is time to choose the next Student Senate President. I am enthusiastic about next Monday's upcoming vote, and still I have some ambivalent feelings towards it. Too many times in the last week, I have talked to people who could not even tell me who this year's President is. Often people ask me when and where the election will be held. This year's primary, designed to pare the list of candidates to two, was cancelled because there were only two candidates. Last year, only 334 people voted.

What this tells me is that the Student Senate, or more specifically the office of the President, has failed to carry out its duty, which is to be a tool of the student body. The President holds office to reflect and to carry out the wishes of the average student. At one point this year, the Senate "shut out" the school media, in effect totally denying the average student even a report on the proceedings of the meeting. Actions like this do not allow the student body to take part in the governing of the school.

I want to bring the presidency back to the students. I hope that, if I win, next year is a year in which a majority of the student body again has a say in the proceedings of their government.

I have participated in many groups in my three years at Southern. I have served as Treasurer and currently as Vice President of Alpha Epsilon Rho, a communications academic fraternity. I am also a stu-

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Road to recovery: Two area communities work to overcome past setbacks

Carl Junction scarred by violence

JIMMY L. SEXTON
CAMPUS EDITOR

Many rural American communities live and breathe with their population. The town's residents are the heart and soul of the community, and could anything tragic happen to disrupt the routine of the townsfolk, confusion and anger can only result.

Such was the case with Carl Junction, where, on Dec. 6, 1987, one of the town's teenagers bludgeoned to death a friend and relative, Steven Newberry. Now, months later, the small Missouri town is still recovering from the shock and trying to get over what it views as a "tragic experience."

"The way that I look at it, this could have happened anywhere," said Don Williams, Carl Junction police chief. "It could have happened to any town in the United States, but it just happened to us."

Williams said people have died violent deaths in Carl Junction in the past, but this one came at a time "when the cults were going strong all over the U.S., and it's unfortunate that it happened to us."

According to many Carl Junction residents and local officials, most small towns would have succumbed to the embarrassment and anger of such a tragedy, but not Carl Junction. If anything, the town is growing at a faster rate than before the murder.

"I haven't seen any slowdown in our business industry," said Randy Roy, of Bob Roy Realtors. "In fact, our sales were a lot better last year. As far as people, we looked forward and anticipated a large amount, and we're getting it."

"We're anticipating quite a bit of growth in Carl Junction, and we don't foresee any slowdown in pace," Roy said.

Williams said there are subdivisions go-

ing in every month, and the population has jumped from 1,800, "when I was a kid," to more than 5,000 now.

According to Scott Starks, assistant manager of Cadwell's Supermarket in Carl Junction, the Newberry death has not deterred any businesses from opening up or caused any to close its doors. He said many small businesses "are coming right along" with plenty more to follow.

"This was an isolated, tragic incident," he said. "I don't think it's any kind of overall statement about the town or the people."

"Carl Junction is a nice, small town with a lot of nice people living in it," Starks said.

The town's overall attitude is "good," but what is even more impressive is each individual's attitude toward one another.

Diana Clements, mother of convicted murderer Ronald Charles Clements, said that after the murder she expected she would have to take her younger child out of school and move to another town. She was mistaken.

"One of the first thoughts I had was that I was going to have to move, that I could never put my little one back in school," she said. "Both of those thoughts were wrong. I haven't moved, and my son is very happy in school. Everyone's been very supportive."

Clements said Carl Junction is "a good town, with a lot of good, good people in it. I haven't had any problems at all, and we're really thankful for that."

Referring to the killing, Clements said it was a tragedy, but "everybody's trying to go on with their lives, moving forward. It's the past."

"It's a daily thing we go through," she said. "We don't forget."

Williams said the media and movie producers have been making a "bigger deal than it really is" out of the killing.

"The general attitude around the town is good," Williams said. "It's more or less the outsiders like the movie companies, the magazines, and this type of thing that are really wanting to sell this to the public."

If what Williams said is true about the "outsiders" making the problems, then why did one of the teenager's mothers decide to go on prime-time television describing what had happened? And, why did Newberry's



Randy Roy



STAFF PHOTO BY MARK ANCELL

Main Street

Carl Junction, a town struggling to overcome the tragedy of cult-related violence, does not foresee a slowdown in economic improvement due to publicity received from the incident.

mother grant rights to the story to a television company?

On Oct. 25, 1988, Penny Baert and her son, convicted murderer Theron "Pete" Roland, appeared via satellite on national television in a two-hour Geraldo Rivera special: "Devil Worship: Exposing Satan's Underground."

Marilyn Newberry, mother of the victim, granted film rights to Norton Wright of ITC. She said ITC showed sensitivity and that Wright is approaching the situation in the right way. In other words, Mrs. Newberry wants other people to learn from what has happened.

Even though it may be the media that keeps rehashing the murder, not everyone in Carl Junction is ready to shrug it off.

"I never thought it could happen to us," said Raymond Dykens, principal of Carl Junction High School. "I'm like anybody else. There were no signs, no indications. This just can't be explained."

Dykens said around the high school, which is really representative of the town, the students do not want to talk about the killing. They are mad that it happened to them, and they are mad that they received much negative publicity.

"There were a lot of things said that were just not true," he said. "The kids would just like to forget it ever happened."

In an effort to become more involved in their children's lives, two organizations have sprung up to help the town and its teenagers deal with this problem and others.

Families In Touch (FIT) is "very active" in covering everything from chemical abuse to parenting. The organization has many guest speakers at its functions.

"Parents Against Drugs (PAD) is the other organization that has developed,"

Dykens said. "It is very similar to what we have in school, Students Against Drugs (SAD), which deals in treatment and prevention of drug abuse."

"This is just something that can happen anywhere at any time. We're just sorry that it happened to our community."

Dykens said this tragedy has "welded" the CJHS student body together. Students are proud they are from Carl Junction and they do not want anybody putting their school down.

"I don't think we'll ever totally recover as a community, and it was certainly a community tragedy," he added. "However, there has to be something good to come from anything, and I think what it has done for our community is welded us together more as a family unit."

Miami strives for new industry

BY JIMMY L. SEXTON
CAMPUS EDITOR

A city once widely recognized for its economic opportunities and industrial strengths, Miami, Okla., has been in a recovery process since the March 1, 1986, closure of its B.F. Goodrich plant.

The Goodrich Tire Group decided to close its Miami facility after it lost more than \$12 million in the first half of 1985 on products manufactured at the Miami plant. Also, the plant's primary products of radial truck tires, tires for heavy off-road equipment, and farm equipment tires were becoming unprofitable for Goodrich because of depressed economic conditions and foreign imports.

The plant employed 1,900 workers, with 1,615 on hourly wages, and boasted an annual payroll of \$55 million.

"It was the highest-paying place in the area," said Jimmie Morland, a Seneca resident and 30-year Goodrich employee. "It was a nice place to work, and I enjoyed my stay at B.F. Goodrich."

"It was just devastating when they closed down. The town is still trying to recover."

According to Sue Valliere, Miami's administrative assistant, two studies were done which told city officials which type of industries to target and how to effectively deal with the large unemployment number due to the plant's closure.

"The strategy we have here in Miami is a direct result of the Goodrich plant closing," Valliere said. "We had a study done by the Fantis Company. The result of both of these studies indicated we needed to develop a service to actively become involved in recruiting other industries."

The service that Miami created is called the Miami Area Economic Development Service (MAEDS). Wesley Devarow, executive director of MAEDS, said it was created by the "leading citizens of Miami" to chart a course for the city.

"From the Fantis study, the community set up several committees that we were outlined in the plan to have," said Devarow. "These committees range from agriculture, to the [Miami] Chamber of Commerce, the city government functions, and into other cultural areas. People actually came together and served on these committees to get their programs and activities started."

According to Devarow, 18 months ago the city chose to focus on the retention and expansion of existing Miami industries.

"I think we've done real well with the number of industries that we've retained," he said. "Also, the city was able to give grants to a new business park and a new industrial park."

Devarow said the unemployment rate, which had climbed to 24.5 percent by March 1986, is now down to 10.2 percent, according to January 1989 reports. He believes 1989 has been "a very good year, and there hasn't been an industry go out of business."

Debi Durham, executive director of the Miami Chamber of Commerce, said the city has gone through "extensive research, planning, and organization" in making plans for economic recovery.

"I think when B.F. Goodrich made their announcement it was certainly a very devastating blow," said Durham. "However, the community banded together to come up with a three-year plan which would address all aspects of economic development."

Durham said the first order of business was to organize the city and to develop a three-year plan. She said Miami now is in the second stage of its recovery plan.

"The ground work has been laid, and plans have been made. I would say that we're rebuilding from that ground work."

"We have positioned ourselves not only statewide, but even nationwide by coming up with marketing plans that appeal to companies looking to extend their facilities."

Durham said the recovery process has been a difficult and challenging effort, but people are committed "and that's important for our community."

"The Chamber is very active in all its programs," said Devarow. "The city seems to be doing good with all of its programs and I don't think anything really shut down. I think things improved [after the plant's closure] because there was a look to see 'Hey, what else is here?'"

"There was a big emptiness feeling [when the plant closed]," Clark said. "There was nothing to compare with Goodrich in the immediate area, and its workers weren't trained for anything else."

"It's something I hope nobody else has to go through. There is really no way to describe it."



Miami has been able to retain many of its businesses, as demonstrated here on Main Street (above) despite the shutdown of the B.F. Goodrich plant there. Residents of the community have organized special committees to promote themselves to new industry. Goodrich, which ceased operations in its Miami plant in March 1986, employed 1,900 workers (1,615 on hourly wages) and boasted an annual payroll of \$55 million. However, Goodrich reported losses of more than \$12 million during the first half of 1985 on products produced at the plant. One resident called the closure of the plant "devastating" to Miami.

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LEX provides insights into the paralegal field

Yates says Southern students have 'head start'

BY ANASTASIA UMLAND
ASSISTANT EDITOR

Giving Missouri Southern students the opportunity to learn about the law field from a professional standpoint and informing students of law-related careers are the missions of the Lambda Epsilon Chi fraternity.

"The name of the club is derived from the Greek letters LEX which refer to the word law," said Mike Yates, assistant professor of political science and adviser of the club. "The club gives a common bond to those students pursuing a degree in law."

Membership in the club is open to any pre-law student or person currently involved in the paralegal field who would like to learn more about law. Membership dues are \$2 initially and \$2 per semester thereafter.

"We try and keep the membership fees low so people are not discouraged in joining the organization," Yates said.

According to Yates, the club was founded on Southern's campus during the late 1970s. Yates has fulfilled the position of adviser since 1980.

"The time spent outside the classroom with the students helps me as an instructor because I get to know them and am able to develop a rapport."

Yates said the main objective of the club is to provide a social environment conducive to successful academic performance.

"Membership in the club lets the students open up to each other and to myself about their future plans," Yates said. "They receive the support and advice of other students who are on the same track."

Club president Tina Longnecker said the club gives members support and the ability to learn more about the law field.

"We are trying to reshape the public's view of paralegals," she said. "We also want to teach the attorneys that we are trained to be assistants and not secretaries."

In previous years, the club has taken trips to Kansas City and Springfield to attend seminars and tour various law schools

and law firms.

Longnecker said the duty of planning activities and seminars is the most time-consuming duty of her presidency.

"We try to schedule events the members are interested in," Longnecker said.

Two weeks ago Southern hosted its first law seminar. "Utilizing Legal Assistants" addressed the jobs legal assistants perform, ethical considerations, and guidelines the Missouri Bar Association has outlined for legal assistants.

"The attendance at the seminar was good," Yates said. "We had many practicing paralegals as well as students."

Yates said the seminar provided good publicity for Southern because it demonstrated the preparation students receive at the College for law school.

A student preparing for law school should major in a subject that requires much reading and writing," he said. "Southern students have a head start because I think our law library is as good, if not better, than other schools in the state with the exception of law schools."

The next activity on the club's agenda is a trip to the University of Tulsa's law school.

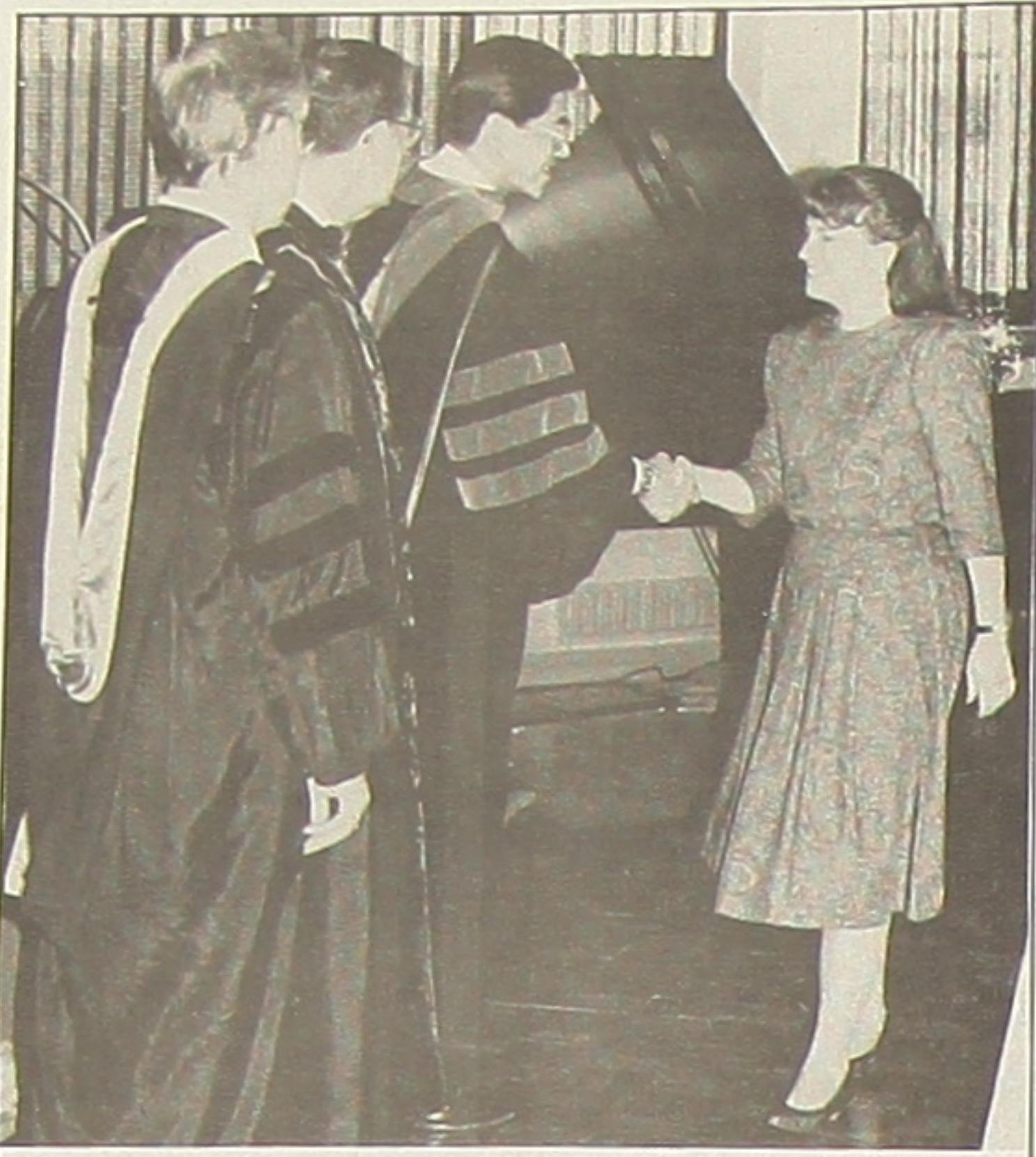
The students will have the opportunity to receive hands-on experience in computerized law research," Yates said. "We will also tour the largest law firm in Tulsa and talk to paralegals working at the firm about their duties."

In Yates' opinion, the activities the club participates in are helpful in letting the public know about the purpose of the organization.

"We want to let the attorneys and the community know the College has students who are properly trained in paralegal work," he said.

Yates said the club has organized bake sales and rummage sales in order to raise money for its activities. The culmination of these activities is a banquet at the end of each year.

"This is just our way of showing our appreciation to the students for all their hard work throughout the semester," said Yates.



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Initiation

Missouri Southern President Julio Leon offers his congratulations to senior computer science major Karen McGlamery as she was inducted into Alpha Chi, a national honor society on Sunday evening. Forty-six students were inducted into the society.

Society inducts members

Recently, 26 Missouri Southern students were accepted into Omega Delta Epsilon, an international economics society.

"We usually have between 30 and 40 people accepted into the club each year," said Dr. Jasbir Jaswal, professor of economics. "We're glad that so many have taken such a large interest."

The 1989 ODE initiates include Hudson, Anderson; Douglas Thorsbury; Michele Walworth, Crocker; Snyder, Fairland, Okla.; Caroline Rison, Greenfield; Phyllis Owen, Lorraine Baker, Stark City; and Probst, Waterloo, Ill.

Students from Joplin include Beck, Darren D. Cook, Lisa Culpepper, Daniel, Leslie Daniels, Tom Lister, Rick Moore, Deborah Stephen, Scott Watson, Rhonda Winner, and Woirhaye.

Neosho students are Douglas C. Carol Guest, Donna Hutchins, and Michaela O'Hara. Everett Lamb, Bruce and Lynn Spicer are the three Webb initiates.

"We are happy that more and more people are taking more of an interest in economics," he said. "ODE is a great organization, and it's nice to see so many people interested."

Spring cookout offers 'exciting' changes

BY JIMMY L. SEXTON
CAMPUS EDITOR

Tomorrow's spring cookout will offer two new and "exciting" changes for students and faculty.

"The last couple of times, we've had cookout-type food," said Val Carlisle, director of student activities. "However, after we've heard several negative comments about having to wait in line and by the time they got there their food was

cold, we've decided to go with cold sandwiches, instead of hot dogs.

"It's sort of a build your own hoagie cold-sandwich type of bar," she said.

In addition to the cold sandwiches, potato chips and "the traditional coleslaw and potato salad" also will be served. Carlisle said Ed Butkovich, director of food services, has ordered fresh strawberries and fruit for the event.

"This year we're going to be selling both beach towels and T-shirts," Carlisle said.

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Student Senate is a dynamic organization which, as many other organizations, goes through many changes. In fact, the composition of the Senate changes an average of 65 percent from year to year. Consequently, it becomes important that the Senate has leadership that is knowledgeable and experienced in the use of parliamentary procedure. It is the job of the president to facilitate debate and to assist the Senate in making its decisions. It is the responsibility of the 36 senators and other officers to vote on each resolution. In fact, the president only votes to break a tie.

Therefore, I will not make any great "campaign promises" as to what the Senate will or will not do. According to

□ Schrader/From Page 4

I am a dent member of the KXMS management board. I have also assisted in many intramural sports. Positions such as these, however, are not what I consider to be most important when considering the qualifications for the position of President. The Student Senate President should be able to deal with a large, and diverse, portion of the student body. The president should have day-in, day-out contact with a large cross-section of the students.

If elected, I hope to make a special point to work on recreational outlets for the students who live on, or very near, campus. The 1989-90 school year also looks to be a kind of "shaping" year on campus, beginning in the fall. I would like to shape the directions the campus wants to grow.

Sports Memorabilia Auction
Yes, that's right. It's a Sports Memorabilia Auction on May 14th at Jack Lauton Webb Convention Center in Joplin. Come out and meet Hall of Famer Brooks Robinson, former Kansas City Royal slugger Pete LaCock and former St. Louis Cardinal pitcher Ray Soder

Let's make the next school year one which enthusiasm on Southern's campus has never been greater. From the athletic program's move to NCAA Division II, the everyday life of the Missouri Southern student, I can see only improvement in the horizon for this campus. On March 1, I hope the student body elects me to the position of President so that they may witness, along with me, the transformation of potential into progress at this college.

Erik Schrader

Student teacher organization elects officers

Electing officers and handing out a scholarship were two of the items on the agenda Monday during a meeting of the Student Missouri State Teachers Association.

A scholarship was presented to Angie Besendorfer, an education major. The members of S-MSTA decided to start

awarding a \$75 scholarship to one member annually.

Officers inducted include Jamie Mitchell, president; Heather Lawson, vice president; Roxanne Marcoux, secretary; Linda Wagner, treasurer; and Kara Hendrix, assistant treasurer.

She said the group also wants to bring

in "excellent speakers" to help education majors improve themselves.

In order to become a member students must pay \$6 dues, be an education major, and be willing to participate in meetings and activities.

Upcoming Events

Today	Koinonia 11 a.m. basement of dormitory building B	Talent Competition noon Lions' Den	LDSSA noon Room 311 BSC	LUAU 8 p.m. Biology Pond
Tomorrow	Spring Cookout 10:40 a.m. BSC lawn	Best Tan Contest noon BSC lawn		Golf Missouri Western Invitational TBA St. Joseph
Weekend	Wesley Foundation 8 a.m. Saturday Young Gymnasium	Baseball vs Missouri Western 1:30 p.m. Saturday St. Joseph	Tennis vs Drury College 2 p.m. Saturday Springfield	Baseball vs Westminster 1:30 p.m. Sunday Fulton
Monday		Student Senate Officers General Election 9 a.m. BSC Stairwell		CAB Movie 'Summer School' 7 & 9:30 p.m. Barn Theatre
Tuesday	Newman Club noon Room 314 BSC	International Club 2:30 p.m. Room 313 BSC	Camera Club 3 p.m. Room 314 BSC	
Wednesday	Ecumenical Campus Ministries noon Room 311 BSC	FBI Group Presentation 1 p.m. Room 313 BSC	Honors Convocation 11 a.m. Taylor Auditorium	Student Senate 5:30 p.m. Room 310 BSC



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Scholarship recipients announced
Three awards are given

KATY HURN
EDITOR

Winners in the annual Thomas Hart Benton Scholarship Competition at Missouri Southern announced Sunday in the balcony of the fine arts building. We award three scholarships that really carry awards of \$1,000, \$600, \$400," said Val Christensen, director of the Spiva Art Center. "This scholarship goes to students who live within a 200-mile radius of Joplin." Students also must be incoming freshmen to compete.

Early in February the art department sends out notification of the competition, and submissions are accepted thereafter.

"We try to notify high school counselors, art teachers, and individual students who have expressed an interest in our department at MSSC," said Christensen. "We request interested individuals to send us a portfolio of original art transcripts, letters of recommendation, a personal statement, and a resume."

Christensen said in recent years approximately 50 percent of incoming freshmen submitted material to the competition.

He says the competition is a good recruitment tool.

"It helps us attract talented individuals to our program," said Christensen, "and encourages them to pursue their education."

The art faculty at Southern selects winners on the basis of several considerations,

including creative talent, goals and objectives the individuals have set, academic performance, and demonstrative leadership in extra-curricular activities.

The competition is funded through the Missouri Council for the Arts. According to Christensen, the money which supports scholarships came about because of the centennial celebration in 1973.

During this time, Benton's mural at the Municipal Building, *Turn of the Century Joplin*, was being commissioned

in addition to the publishing of *Thomas Hart Benton: A Personal Commemorative*.

In the early 80s they were trying to decide what to do with the residual money that had generated," Christensen said. "It was established that there would be a scholarship named in the honor of Thomas Hart Benton."

Scholarship winners are Janet Carter, Branson High School, first place;

Anna Hoover, Halfway High School, second place; and Dana Hatfield, McDonald County High School, third place.

They Marty of Neosho High School and Jennifer Johnson of Diamond High School received honorable mention.



STAFF PHOTO BY NICK COBLE

Starts ensemble

Senior Tony Brower, a computer science major at Missouri Southern, plays the piano, bass guitar, banjo, drums, and sings. Brower is currently forming a gospel group called *Together in the Love of Christ*. Diagnosed as having hydrocephalus, Brower was not expected to live longer than the age of seven.

Music student considers himself to be a miracle

Brower survives hydrocephalus during childhood

BY KATY HURN

ARTS EDITOR

Although he is a computer science major, Tony Brower has been active in music all his life and plans to continue it in the future.

Brower, a senior from Anderson, plays the piano, drums, banjo, bass guitar, and also sings. He is currently a member of the Lion Pride Marching Band and has participated in the Concert Chorale and the Collegiates.

"I've been singing all my life and learned to play instruments as I got older," said Brower. "It's something that has always been a part of my life."

Brower's parents started him singing in church when he was two, and later he learned to play other instruments. However, he says he enjoys singing above all else.

"I enjoy harmonizing with other people," he said, "and you can say more with your music when you're singing than when you're playing an instrument."

Brower's family also has been involved in music. Many years ago his mother and father started a gospel singing group called the *New Bethel Singers*, which performs at various churches.

More recently, Brower, his girlfriend, Laurie Jesse, and his younger brother, Darrin, have started a group known as *Together in the Love of Christ*, or TLC. When singing they use accompaniment tapes as back-up.

"We started doing some singing with my brother, too, and we liked the three-part harmony so that's how we got together," Brower said.

Brower and Jesse teamed up as a duet, and last summer they had the chance to sing together in the Great Passion Play in

Eureka Springs, Ark.

"It was a lot of fun," said Brower. "I've performed ever since I was little, so I've been pretty comfortable with it."

Brower has participated in several competitions over the years. He won first place in the Missouri Southern talent show one year and has also competed in the Joplin Fall Fiesta.

"I enjoy competing," Brower said. "It's fun to get to hear other people sing. Especially when it's a tough competition. It's fun to have that challenge."

The greatest challenge in Brower's life, though, was surviving hydrocephalus. Early in his childhood he was diagnosed as having the condition and was not expected to live past the age of seven.

However, on one of his last visits to a Columbia specialist, the doctors discovered all traces of hydrocephalus had vanished.

"The last time the doctors checked me they were just in shock because I showed no signs of water on the brain," said Brower.

He considers himself a miracle because of the experience.

"There was no cure for it," Brower said. "It's not anything that goes away after time."

In the future, Brower would like to work at the headquarters for Wal-Mart in Bentonville, Ark., in data processing. He says he plans to continue with his music, though.

"That's always going to be a part of my life," said Brower, "especially gospel music because there's such a powerful message in it. It's just a great feeling you can't really describe."

"I'm hoping to eventually spread out to a more wide-spread ministry," he said. "I wouldn't mind going on a tour all over the country."

'Dream Team' includes stupid, senseless subplots

BY MARK R. MULIK
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Rating: ★½
(out of ★★★★)

When four mental patients "escape" from their psychiatric hospital, you might think they'll be raving maniacs with a craving for human flesh.

That's not quite what you'll see in *The Dream Team*. The

Movie Review

four lunatics, Bill (Michael Keaton), Henry (Christopher Lloyd), Jack (Peter Boyle), and Albert (Stephen Furst), each have their own problems that make them incompatible with one another. Bill has fits of rage; Henry demands precision and order in everything, from cleanliness to penmanship;

ship; Jack was a veep of an advertising firm until he came to believe he was Jesus Christ; and withdrawn Albert communicates through the use of baseball jargon and television commercial and news talk.

Believing it's time for the group to take an outing, their psychiatrist takes them to see a Yankees game in New York.

On the way there from their New Jersey hospital, Albert has to take a leak, and they stop to let him, under the doc's supervision. The doctor ends up seeing a crime while they're improvising using an alley for a restroom, and a thug grabs him and bashes him in the skull. An ambulance comes and hauls him away, and the lunatics are left all alone. And, as Albert doesn't like to talk to anyone, he doesn't say anything about the doctor.

Well, the mental patients end up roaming the streets of New York and getting into all kinds of trouble: Bill assaults a guy

in a restaurant; Jack has a very revealing episode in an all-black, born-again church; Henry gets thrown out of a bar for nit-pickiness; and Albert spends the night in the hospital van after roaming the streets senselessly.

When the thugs who got the doc turn out to be undercover cops who realize he could testify against them, they decide to try to knock him off. And the movie turns into a cheap, late-night, crooked cops flick with some good jokes thrown in.

This is one of those movies where the previews pick out most of the good parts. You see the good jokes in the previews, anticipating a hysterical movie, and you go to it, only to find out you've been tricked. The hysteria's there, but a comedy with insane characters requires it to be there.

Keaton's acting in *The Dream Team* is unimpressive, but then again, I have not been impressed by him in his other roles

(*Beetlejuice* and *Mr. Mom*) either. As well, this movie holds one of Christopher Lloyd's poorest roles; his acting here is also unimpressive. I liked him much better in *Back to the Future* and *Star Trek III: The Search for Spock* (He played a Klingon.).

The one actor I did enjoy in *The Dream Team* was Stephen Furst. He is good in his portrayal of a shy, withdrawn mental patient, and his one-liners throughout the movie make his character really funny.

Including songs by *Was Not Was* and *Percy Mayfield* (an oldie), the movie's music is good enough.

The movie's slow beginning and lackluster introduction of characters made me wonder how it could turn into a comedy. The first 20 minutes are pretty dead, with only slight humor. After that, the movie is fair, with bursts of outrageous humor, too much dead time, and stupid, senseless subplots.

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CITY NEWS

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Downtown pay parking may return

Business group wants reinstallation of meters

BY JOHN FORD
CITY NEWS EDITOR

Parking meters may return to downtown Joplin, if a group of area business has its way.

At Monday's session of the Joplin City Council, a committee of downtown business owners spoke in favor of the reinstallation of the meters.

Mike Gardner, committee spokesman, said since the removal of the meters, revenues derived from parking have been reduced from \$110,000 two years ago, to only \$40,000 in 1988. The committee wants the funding in order to provide for the revitalization and promotion of downtown Joplin.

"We're looking at what can be done in the downtown area," said Gardner. "We're not just concerned with putting parking meters back."

"With the re-installation of the meters, the positive factors outweigh the negative," said Blake Schreck, executive vice president of the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce. Schreck worked with the committee on the report, which was submitted to Council members.

Gardner said the city should be sharing in the responsibility of maintaining the lots, particularly if the meters were reinstalled.

"We [the committee members] recommend that the city do one thing, one major item: bring the lots up to standard, up to snuff," he said. "It became clear that if the lots were going to be maintained, some revenue would be needed. It's going to take a big subsidy from the city."

Improvements in the lots would cost nearly \$75,000, according to city officials.

Bernie Johnson, Council member, expressed concern about where funding for the revitalization and promotion projects would be obtained if the proposal were turned down.

"Well, if it fails, we could obtain funds from taxation districts," Gardner said. "We need private sector donations in the long run to put something like this together."

According to Harold McCoy, Joplin public works director, there are nearly 700 meters that may return to city parking lots.

"It would take about three weeks to put the parking meters back in," he said. "There's roughly 700 meters, plus street meters, of which we have no count."

Not all business owners agreed with the committee's recommendations to reinstate parking meters. Bill Cage, owner of Joplin Computers, said the income derived from the parking meters was "virtually negative."

The problem with the downtown area is not parking meters or the lack of them, but that the volume merchants have all moved out of the downtown area, and specialty shop merchants such as myself do not attract business like they did," Cage said. "If we attract enough business to fill up 15 percent of the parking spaces on a given day, then that is a good day."

"Parking meters are an irritant," he added. "We should be making it easier for people to shop downtown, not harder. Tell you what, if we reinstate meters, I'll feed them for my customers. A property tax or a tax on business licenses would be better than the parking meters."

Leon Kassab, owner of Kassab clothing store, said the meters would be a way to regulate parking. Kassab said employees of other businesses park behind his business on Main Street, and the meters would be helpful in solving this problem. Additionally, Kassab said the plan is a way to reduce the burden placed upon business owners of parking lot maintenance.

"If there was an alternative plan, a plan where there would be no parking meters and the city would maintain the lots, then that would be delightful," Kassab said. "The committee's plan is one solution that is logical and the least offensive I can think of at this time."

Council member Earl Carr said it was important for Joplin to have a Main Street development program and congratulated members of the parking committee on their efforts in compiling the report.

"I see in this plan a way Joplin can have a Main Street revitalization plan," he said. "There has been some lost treasures and lost businesses downtown, and this plan is a way to put a stop to that."

According to Kassab, the only changes to the lots in the last 20 years have been the application of asphalt sealant.

In a vote of 8-1, the Council decided to accept the committee's report. Council member Jim West dissented on the motion.

"I voted 'no,' not because I was against the report, but because I am against bringing the meters back to Joplin," West said.



STAFF PHOTO BY MARK R. MULIK

Desperate situation

Around 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Joplin Emergency Medical Services was called to the scene of an accident at 706 Rex, Joplin. It was called in that a car fell on the victim, but it was later determined that the victim suffered a heart attack. Emergency personnel attempt to revive the victim, who is currently in the intensive care unit at Freeman Hospital.

KIX 94 undergoes changes in ownership, power output

Radio station promotes country music in four-state area

BY JOHN FORD
CITY NEWS EDITOR

With an increase of total radiated power to 50,000 watts, an improved country music radio station is hitting the local airwaves.

The station, KIXQ—or, as it is more commonly known, KIX 94—changed owners in November, and according to program director Ralph Cherry, changes began in February.

Paul Meacham bought the station in November," Cherry said. "Then, they raised the power, from 1,250 watts to 50,000 watts. Then, the station was taken off of automation on February 1. That's when they brought me here."

"The first thing we had to do, though, was get all of the music."

Cherry formerly worked at WNOE, a "monster" country station in New Orleans.

"Coming here from New Orleans and setting this station up has been a lot of fun," he said. "There has been a lot of long hours, but it was worth it. The response

to the station has been better than ever."

According to Cherry, an automated station is a big machine which works as a large, computer-programmed jukebox. The machine broadcasts songs and pre-recorded announcements.

"Automation is real messed up," Cherry said. "It's not human at all. It is just a big jukebox with no information to it. You can't keep up with the weather, or the time. There is no personality to it."

In addition to the increase in power and the removal of automation, another improvement which will soon arrive at KIX 94 is the addition of compact disc players. Cherry said the station should have the disc players operational within a month.

The station is currently offering a contest promotion with which listeners may send in lists of their ten favorite country songs. Then, if the list of ten songs is played sometime during the day and if the listener who sent in the list calls within 15 minutes of the last song's playing, he or she may win a case of Pepsi. At the end of the promotion, on May 12, a drawing

will be held for a trip to New Orleans. Those who receive a case of Pepsi qualify for the drawing.

Recently, the station conducted a survey which asked area residents what they thought was best about the four-state area. Such things surveyed were the best

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—Ralph Cherry, KIX 94 program director

right market for the format are in consideration for any radio station according to Cherry, the Joplin area is a good market for country music.

"Just looking at the area, you can tell it's a good market for country music," he said. "The major cities around here are St. Louis, Kansas City, and Tulsa—they have really huge country stations. We're right smack in the middle of that."

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Currently, the station has 20 employees and carries both local and ABC news.

Country Kitchen opens on South Range Line

BY MARK ROBERTSON
CHART REPORTER

Opening its doors April 9, Country Kitchen, on South Range Line, became the most recent addition to Joplin's family oriented restaurants.

"Our aim is to give people a home-cooked meal, without being home," said David Mergener, assistant manager of Country Kitchen. "We also help people avoid the mess of home cooking."

The restaurant's fare includes breakfast items such as eggs, bacon, sausage, and pancakes, as well as a lunch and dinner menu with soup, sandwiches, fried chick-

en, steak, and seafood.

"Country Kitchen used to focus mainly on breakfast," Mergener said. "But now the menu has expanded to include more lunch and dinner items."

One noticeable feature of Country Kitchen is that it is open 24 hours per day, seven days a week, and all menu items are available around the clock.

Said Mergener, "Late at night, particularly on the weekends, we'll get some travelers and the 'bar crowd' coming in."

According to Mergener, much of the marketing for Country Kitchen is aimed toward family dining in a home-like atmosphere.

The Joplin Country Kitchen is one of 80 nationwide stores. Having just opened, it currently employs 152 people. Employees cover a wide range of ages, but the restaurant has been attempting to attract older, more experienced people.

"In an attempt to attract more experienced employees, we have a benefit package for those working here over three years," said Mergener. "But, basically, we try to hire people who are outgoing, friendly, and honest."

Mergener said Country Kitchen focuses on the quality aspect of food service.

"Our motto is 'the customer always comes first,'" he said.

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SOUTHERN FACES

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Robertson renews education push Southern sociology major credits St. Clair for new study habits

"He told me that it would be best not to go back to school," Robertson said. "I felt shot out of the water."

"He painted me a pretty bleak picture. I was so discouraged that I wanted to give up the idea of going back to school completely."

One year later, a more-determined Robertson met with a different counselor who understood his fears about returning to school. He was able to make out a schedule for classes.

"My first class was in Mrs. [Annetta] St. Clair's class," he said. "For the first few days, she put the fear of God into me."

Robertson said he is grateful for St. Clair's government class, as it taught him how to study and be prepared. He received an "A" for that course and a GPA of 3.7 for his first semester back in school.

For a non-traditional student, age is certainly a factor. Robertson said he felt "out of place" during that semester.

"I thought someone would tap me on

the shoulder and say, 'I'm sorry, but you don't belong here.'

"Today, I hardly recognize the age difference," Robertson said. "There are older students out there than me."

Aside from school, Robertson enjoys physical fitness and participation in sports.

"I enjoy softball, volleyball, and exercising," he said. "I feel better about myself when I am in shape."

Robertson, a single parent, has had joint custody of his son, Matt, 9, for a year. He said there are many pressures that face a parent.

"Some days, it's tough," he said. "When I pick him up after being at school all day, I'm exhausted....There is only so much that I can give."

"Overall, I feel that we do well together," said Robertson. "We're working on getting things going in a more positive direction."



Rob Robertson, 31, returns to college after compiling a 1.4 GPA during his first tenure at Southern.

Sophomore follows sister to Southern

BY TRACY RIDING
CHART REPORTER

Following in her father's and her sister's footsteps have led Melissa Hudson to Missouri Southern.

"Since my father is an engineer, I thought I would follow in his footsteps," said Hudson, a sophomore mathematics and pre-engineering major.

"I like mathematics and the sciences; and since they have a lot to do with engineering, it helped in my decision to become an engineer."

Her sister, Patsy, was attending Southern when she was looking for colleges.

"I liked the program here," she said. "I thought it would be easier going to a smaller school first so I wouldn't have to deal with the big classes. Besides, my older sister, Patsy, already played for the Lady Lions."

She said she plans to attend the University of Missouri-Rolla for graduate study in engineering.

"I plan to be successful in everything I do," said Hudson. "To do so is to attend UMR. I believe they will provide me with the best possible education in engineering."

Athletics also were instrumental in Hudson's final decision to attend Southern. "I have always loved sports," she said. After a successful career in sports at Hannibal (Mo.) High School, Hudson decided to go to college.

"In high school, I was a two-time state qualifier for high jump, and our girls' basketball team won fourth place at state," she said.

Hudson was offered a softball scholarship to UMR and Southern, but she chose Southern.

"I like attending Southern with my sister," she said. "It's like a continuation of high school. My family is very important to me. They give me support in every way I need."

Spare time is something Hudson seems to lack.

"I don't have any hobbies. I swear to God I don't have any hobbies," said Hudson. "When I come home from class, I head straight to softball practice, then I come home and do my homework. I barely have time to watch my favorite comedienne, Judy Tenuta, on video tape."

Her summers are spent with parks and recreation, working with children at local elementary schools, and her summer softball league, which takes up most of her time.

The closest thing to having a hobby is spending time with friends. Hudson related an experience with her friends, as they traveled to Arizona over Christmas break.

"While I was there with my best friend, Barb, I was forced to learn all the mountain ranges and the different cactus," she said. "Before I left the state I could name a range and a cactus without any problem."

College freshman juggles jobs, family, credit hours

Morris thinks about his 'day in court' as lawyer

BY MARK ROBERTSON
CHART REPORTER

Two jobs, three children, and nine credit hours may seem overwhelming to some, but to George Morris it's business as usual.

"The first semester was a full 16-week headache," said Morris, a freshman who has returned to school after 17 years. "But I'm having the time of my life in college now."

Morris works for the Joplin R-8 school system in custodial and carpentry capacities and has his own construction/remodeling business. His real ambition, however, is to become a lawyer.

"I write myself a lot of notes. I have notes in my pockets, notes taped to the dashboard of my truck, and a big bulletin board at home with notes on all my upcoming assignments and tests."

—George Morris, Southern freshman

"I've wanted to be a lawyer since I was nine years old," said Morris. "Other kids wanted to be firemen or policemen, but not me."

To Morris, the idea of arguing a case in front of a judge and jury keeps his academic work standards high. "I'm always thinking about my day in court," he said.

While he wouldn't recommend it to everyone, Morris believes there are a number of advantages to returning to college after so many years. "All the experience I have behind me gives me a lot

of advantages over younger students," he said.

"If I were 18, I'd probably be back out there doing what I was then. Now, school gives me a fulfillment I couldn't have gotten at 18."

To some, all the pressures of home, work, and college might be too much, but Morris has found an interesting way to keep track of everything.

"I write myself a lot of notes," he said. "I have notes in my pockets, notes taped to the dashboard of my truck, and a big bulletin board at home with notes on all my upcoming assignments and tests."

Morris gets a great deal of help from his wife, who also works full time. He said

she acts as a sort of "second brain" in helping him remember important details.

Outside of school and work, Morris also enjoys softball in the summer. "I'm almost a 'professional' softball coach," said Morris, who plays summer softball and coaches his wife's team and one of his daughter's teams.

Always putting forth his best effort in everything he does is important to Morris. He believes if a person "works hard and leads a good, clean, and healthy life he can overcome any obstacle."

Weeks looks for work in biology field

Soon to graduate, he admits that although he may never break any new ground in fisheries or biology, he would like to make a contribution, helping increase public awareness on environmental issues.

"Today, many people are beginning to realize the severity of the problems we face with the air, water, and forests. Unfortunately, most feel helpless trying to do anything about it."

"No one majority of people are asserting themselves for positive change. It's like the landfill everybody wants, as long as it isn't in their neighborhood."

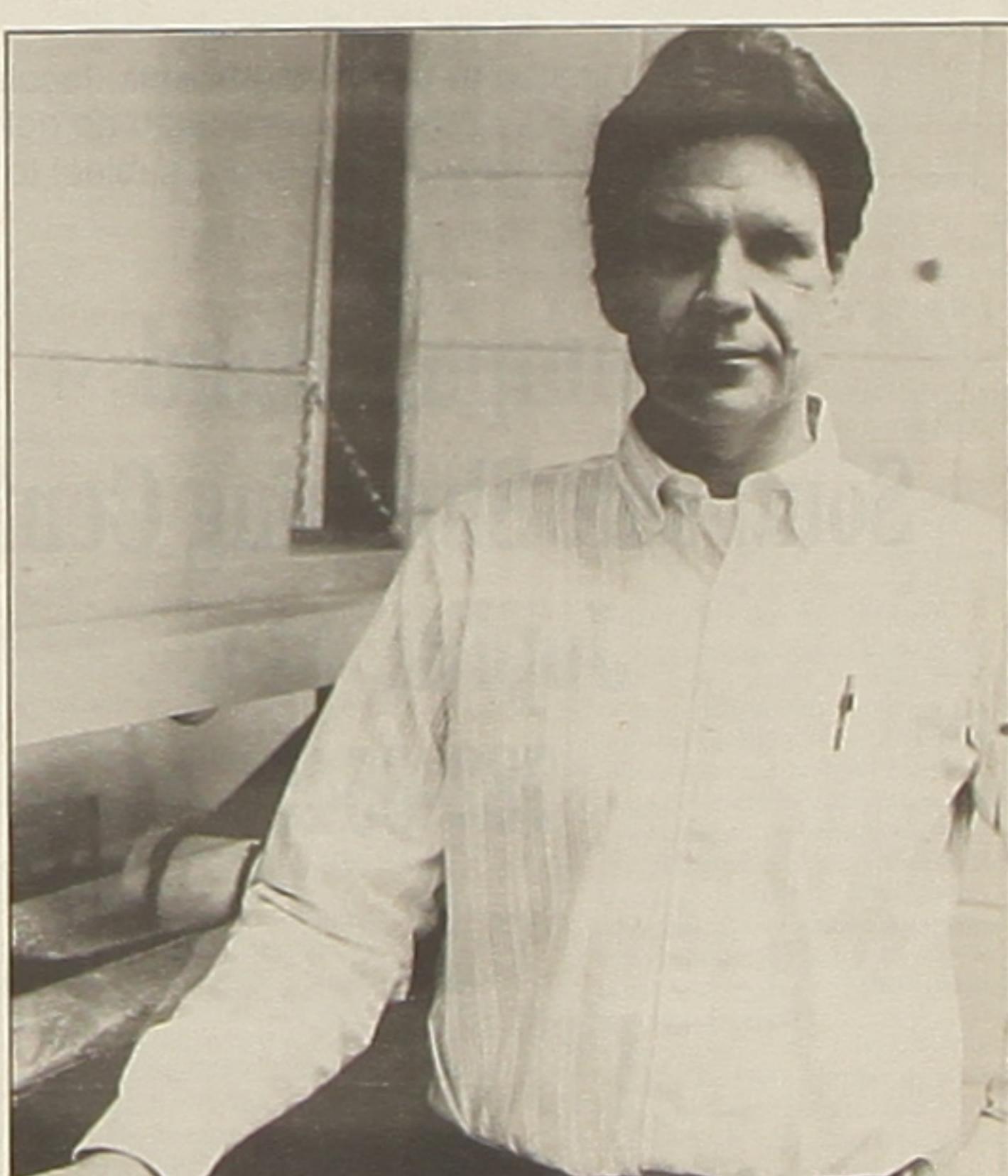
Weeks suggested that solving any of the long-term environmental problems means to better understand the source of the problem.

"Overpopulation has to be the root of all environmental evils. You have to figure with fewer people, there would be less competing for the same resources."

"Likewise, because of dwindling resources, it would not hurt for us to be more flexible in how we go about using those resources, especially when it concerns the quality of our own lives."

At home, his ability to skirt obstacles has helped him since returning to college.

"I have enjoyed school here," Weeks said. "I know that sounds a bit trite, and I know sometimes I feel like an academic nymphomaniac, but I firmly believe it's all in how a person wants to look at it. You hear the ones who will gripe and moan about everything school isn't. For me, having the opportunity to come back and finish school is enough to see past the unpleasant things."



Changes career

Senior biology major Gary Weeks can remember when he used to install cable television for a living.

Juggles activities

Freshman George Morris, who is employed by the Joplin R-8 school system, wants to become a lawyer.

BY DAN ANDERSON
CHART REPORTER

Many relate to the joys of spending leisure time in the outdoors. For Gary Weeks, a senior biology major at Missouri Southern, making a job of it would be even better. As far as my career goes, finding work in the biology field, preferably near water, would put me where I've always wanted to be," he said.

"Overpopulation has to be the root of all environmental evils. You have to figure with fewer people, there would be less competing for the same resources."

—Gary Weeks, senior biology major

Weeks, a native of Joplin, decided to let his settle on his boots and return to his hometown after traveling across the United States.

I'd always wanted to come back to school, but could never seem to find the time. My break came when I found myself a new job. I saw the opportunity and took the most of it," he said.

While in school, Weeks has been working in the food service industry. He said it has given him the flexibility he needs

to attend school full-time.

"Right now I'm working at Red Lobster as a waiter. When I first came back to school I worked as a construction inspector, which only allowed me to take night classes."

Weeks is now able to attend classes during the day. He hopes it will help get him his degree that much sooner while saving some time and money.

His personal interests other than school include hunting, fishing, being in the outdoors, and Georgia football. "Even though Vince Dooley (the head football coach) quit and became a Republican politician," he said.

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THE SPORTS SCENE

Freshman stands out Woods credits Tunnell with helping her game

CHRISTOPHER A. CLARK
WING EDITOR

Though tennis is seemingly fading from the Missouri Southern sports scene, Melissa Woods' desire to play the game has not been diminished.

Woods, a freshman from Springfield, is Lady Lions' No. 2 player. She teams with Adriana Rodriguez to make up the No. 1 doubles unit. Her success stands out, considering she has only played for five years.

"I had played basketball in junior high and wasn't any good at it due to my size," said Woods. "I just went out one day and was playing tennis with some friends, and some lady saw me and asked if I wanted to play anywhere. I started playing, and things just went from there."

Woods played tennis at Parkview High School, where she was the No. 1 player. Woods finds college competition tough, though head Coach Hartford Tunnell considers Woods and Rodriguez among the strongest freshmen players in the MIAA.

"So far I haven't played any freshmen," said Woods. "Most of them are seniors. It's kind of intimidating when they go out and say 'Yeah, I'm a senior,' but when you're with them, you feel even better."

Woods, an elementary education major, might want to teach in the future.

Lady Lions to face SBU

Facing one of the top teams in the MIAA, the Missouri Southern's tennis team hosts Southwest Baptist University at 3 p.m. tomorrow.

Southern also plays at 2 p.m. Saturday against Drury College in Springfield.

The Lady Lions, 3-5 overall, are coming off a pair of weekend victories against Central Missouri State University. Southern beat the Jennies 7-2 and 6-3 Sunday.

"Adriana Rodriguez is beating some of the best players in the MIAA," said Hartford Tunnell, head coach. "Adriana and Melissa Woods are 6-1 in doubles so far

"I always wanted to teach," she said. "My mom was a teacher, my sister is a teacher. I love kids; I love being around them."

Woods was originally a business major at Southern, but was quickly turned off during the first day of classes.

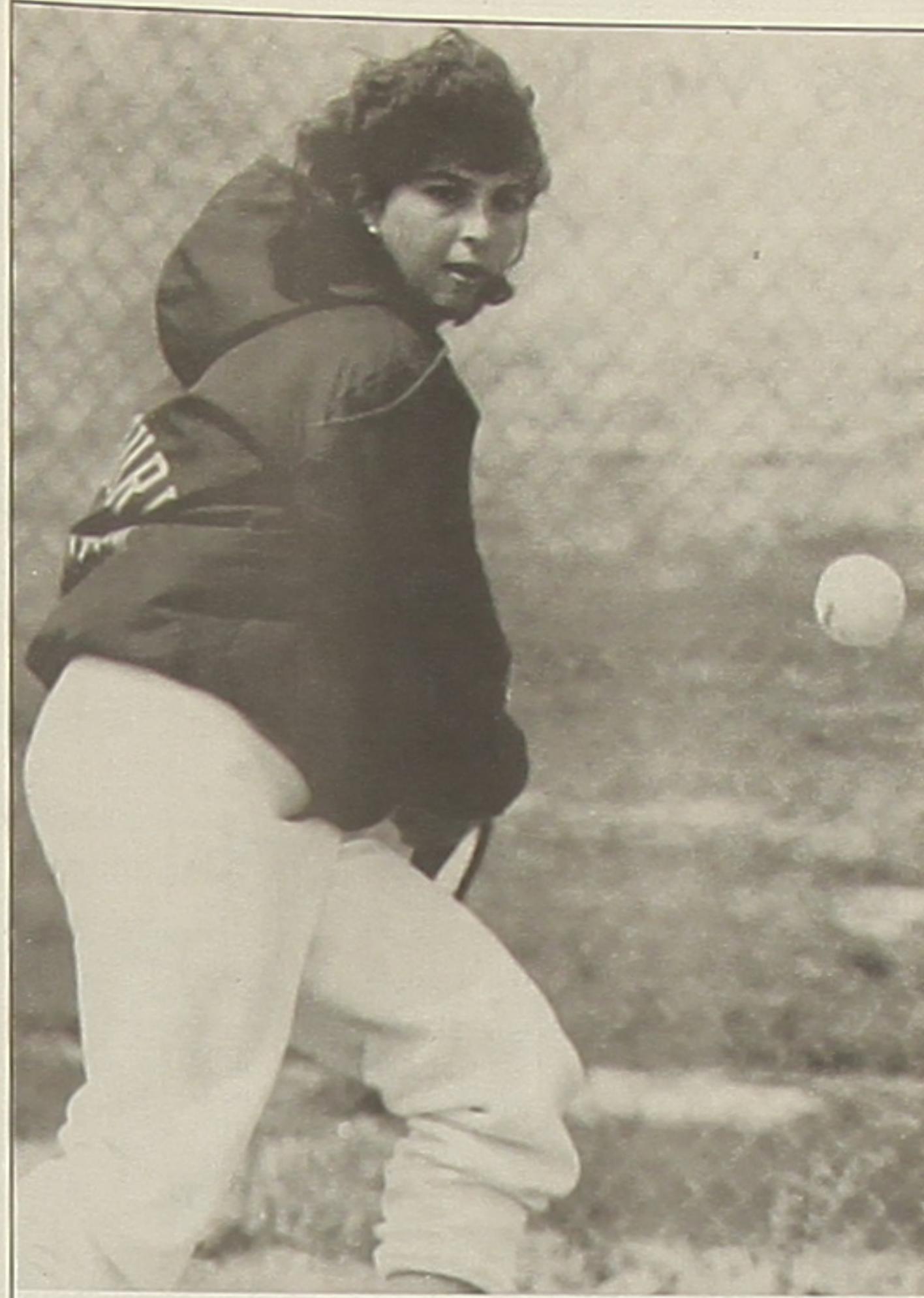
"I knew the first day that it wasn't for me," she said. "I sat down and the instructor said you have to be willing to forget your friends, your family, and make money your No. 1 goal. That was not me. I went and talked to my adviser and said 'No way.'"

Of her doubles partner and close friend Rodriguez, Woods said she is the "stronger player."

"I've beaten her once, but she has beaten me about 10 times," Woods said. "It doesn't get to the point where we are after each other or anything like that. We're really good friends."

Woods, who qualified for the state doubles tournament in high school, arrived at Southern not only through her desire to move away from home, but also through the efforts of Tunnell.

"He's great; I love him to death," said Woods. "He has really helped my game a lot. I see other schools' coaches and they don't really care, and it makes me happy that we have him. He's also really good at tennis and that helps to know that he knows what he's talking about."



STAFF PHOTO BY NICK COBLE

Hits backhand Springfield native Melissa Woods, a freshman, hits a backhand during a match with Drury College.

SMSU ends Lion win streak District names Southern's Tichy hitter of the week

BY ANASTASIA UMLAND
ASSISTANT EDITOR

Yesterday's 7-6 loss to Southwest Missouri State University snapped a 22-game winning streak for the Missouri Southern baseball Lions.

Senior right-hander Mike Parker, in absorbing the loss, pitched three innings in what he said was an ineffective outing.

"SMSU had a lot of hits and ran around a lot," he said. "We laid around and let them take us."

The Lions, 30-15, had not lost a game since March 23 when they fell to Mount Marty College in the Mutt Miller Classic.

"I think we all thought we were capable of winning the game," said junior third baseman Mike Swidler. "But we just let it get away from us."

Southern is now focusing its attention on weekend games which determine the teams who will participate in the CSIC post-season tournament April 28-29. The Lions are considering these games the "toughest part of the season."

On Saturday, the Lions travel to St. Joseph for a 1:30 p.m. doubleheader against Missouri Western. The Lions defeated Western 15-8 and 6-5 earlier in the season and need only one victory to assure them of post-season play.

"We just need to win once to go to the playoffs," said Tony Tichy, right fielder. "Missouri Western has to beat us twice in order to go, so we are ahead to begin with."

Sunday, the Lions will play a 1:30 p.m. doubleheader against Westminster College in Fulton. These games will determine the Lions' ranking in the district. Right now, the team, undefeated in the district, is tied with Missouri Baptist for the first-place seed.

"The competition we will play this weekend is much tougher than our latest competition," said Steve Hann, catcher. "If we are more selective in the pitches we swing at and make the other pitchers throw strikes, we will win. We need to have patience at the plate."

With the end of the regular season approaching, the Lions are depending more on the camaraderie that has developed throughout the year. Second baseman Tim Casper said players are supportive of one another and think the closeness is a key factor in the team's success.

"Everybody is always picking each other up," said Casper. "Not everyone is hot at the same time, but we have a good balance."

In addition to the team success, Tichy has received personal recognition. Last week, he was named the NAIA District 16 hitter of the week. After missing 20 games with a dislocated finger, Tichy has the third-highest batting average on the team at .362.

"I was happy with the award," he said. "I worked hard to come back soon, and I think I will do OK if my hand holds up this weekend."

Softball team drops twinbill

BY ROBERT J. SMITH
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Behind the no-hit pitching of Stephanie McCullough and 21 hits in two games, Northeastern (Okla.) State University handed Missouri Southern a pair of losses yesterday.

McCullough led the Lady Reds to an 8-0 win in the opener, and NSU held on for a 5-3 in the nightcap.

The Lady Lions, now 22-14 overall, have little time to worry about the two losses as Pittsburg State University will be in town for a 3 p.m. doubleheader today at Lea Kungle Field.

"We played real well against PSU earlier this season (winning 5-0 and 3-1)," said Pat Lipira, Southern head coach. "We were on the road and hit real well against them."

"Usually we see PSU in several tournaments during the season, but we haven't seen them much this year."

After a four-game winning streak, PSU lost a pair of games Tuesday at Southwest Baptist University to drop its record to 13-14 overall.

The Lady Lions have been on a bit of a roller coaster ride of late. Southern has

not won more than two games in a row since April 7. Since then, the team has compiled a 4-6 mark, not counting Monday's doubleheader sweep of an undefeated Crowder College.

"Earlier in the year we did things at the right time," Lipira said. "We got hits when we needed hits and we made the big play when we needed to make the big play. Our timing was good."

Southern has gone without the services of injured outfielder Jennifer Burken. Burken, who was hitting .400 before her early April injury, is expected to return to the lineup next week.

"It's been nice to know that we could go without a player as good as Jennifer and still continue to win some games," Lipira said. "Monica Fabro has been a key. She has gotten the hits for us lately. And Diane Miller (who leads the team with 25 runs batted in) has been driving in a lot of runs."

Still, Lipira's concern continues to be inconsistency.

"There have been two or three games where everyone played just horribly," she said. "I guess you can attribute it to us being a young team. They say a young team will struggle to be consistent."

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My Opinion



Baby Tennis now deserves chance to live

In March 1988 *The Chart* ran an editorial stating that Missouri Southern should not add a women's tennis program because it would mean sacrificing quality for prestige. In our view, the College was wanting the prestige of NCAA affiliation and was sacrificing the quality of other programs within the athletic department. Southern was creating a sport just to create a sport and didn't seem to be too worried about its success.

In our view, the NCAA teams would pound the new Lady Lions tennis team. We thought Southern should pump as many available dollars into other programs that would need more strength for NCAA success. Whatever the case, Southern added a women's tennis program, and we didn't like it one bit.

To further back our view was the knowledge that Southern had nixed the women's tennis program in 1981 because of budget restraints.

When the College decided to start another tennis program due to a move to NCAA Division II, we were against it. On the other hand, we understood that by NCAA rules, member schools are required to have at least four men's sports and at least four women's sports. As Southern only had volleyball, basketball, and softball, tennis was created as the fourth women's sport.

Tennis was the women's athletic department's baby. Baby Tennis was just a newborn and would take time to grow. Baby Tennis would have to learn to walk before it could learn to run.

Baby Tennis has learned to walk. In fact, Baby Tennis was able to walk right past a Central Missouri State team three times this season. Baby Tennis and the women's athletic department had proven *The Chart* wrong. The program was, in my view, successfully resurrected from its death in 1981.

And now the women's athletic department has decided to stop feeding Baby Tennis. Rather than abort the department's child or use birth control as *The Chart* suggested, the department opted to have Baby Tennis. And now they're gonna kill it.

Realize that in November the Board of Regents decided to add a men's and women's cross country teams. Hey everyone, we're expecting twins. When it was added, there was (and may still be) talk of adding men's and women's track and field teams. Why not go all the way and have quadruplets? It makes sense to me. Let's murder Baby Tennis because we can't (or won't) feed it, but turn around and have four more.

The real question is with the College's commitment. Why did Southern ever start a tennis program if it didn't intend to keep it?

And what about the players? What impression are they going to have of a school that promises them a new tennis program and then decides to nix the whole thing?

Some would suggest that these students can transfer to other colleges or universities with tennis programs without losing a year of eligibility. While this may be true, realize that some of the current players passed up scholarships to other schools because they wanted to be part of a new thing at Southern. Will there be scholarships available to these players now? And, while it may be minimal, how many credits will these students lose in a transfer?

So, in essence, *The Chart* was right. The team proved us wrong, but now women's athletics proved that we were right from the beginning. Tennis should have never been started, but once it was, it should continue to be fed.

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Southern hurler

Missouri Southern righthander Christi Tidman hurls a fastball to a Crowder College batter on Monday.

Tires burn as Mo-Kan Dragway opens its 27th season

False starts and frustration characterized the opening of the 27th season at Mo-Kan Dragway Sunday.

Mo-Kan, which has the oldest track of its kind in the United States, experienced electronic problems via faulty wiring for lights at the starting line. After announcing several times that the problem had been corrected, officials finally located the source of the problem, and racing began in late afternoon.

Races have never been cancelled at the speedway, located on Highways 57 and 171 between Joplin and Pittsburg.

"We finally got the problem solved," said Jim Wilbert, who with his brother, Ron, operates Mo-Kan. "It was probably one of the worst races we have ever had."

"Usually we don't have that kind of trouble," he added.

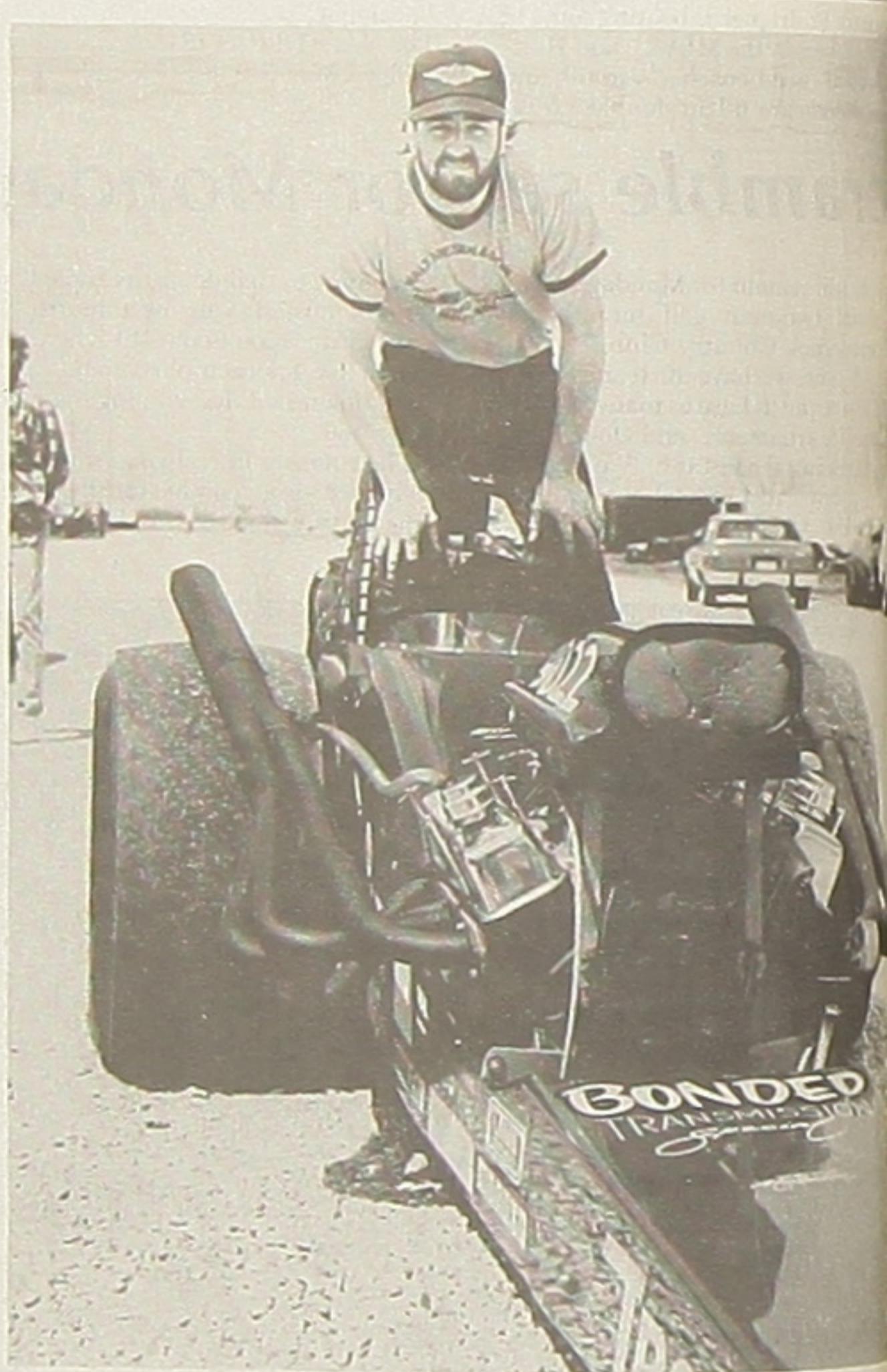
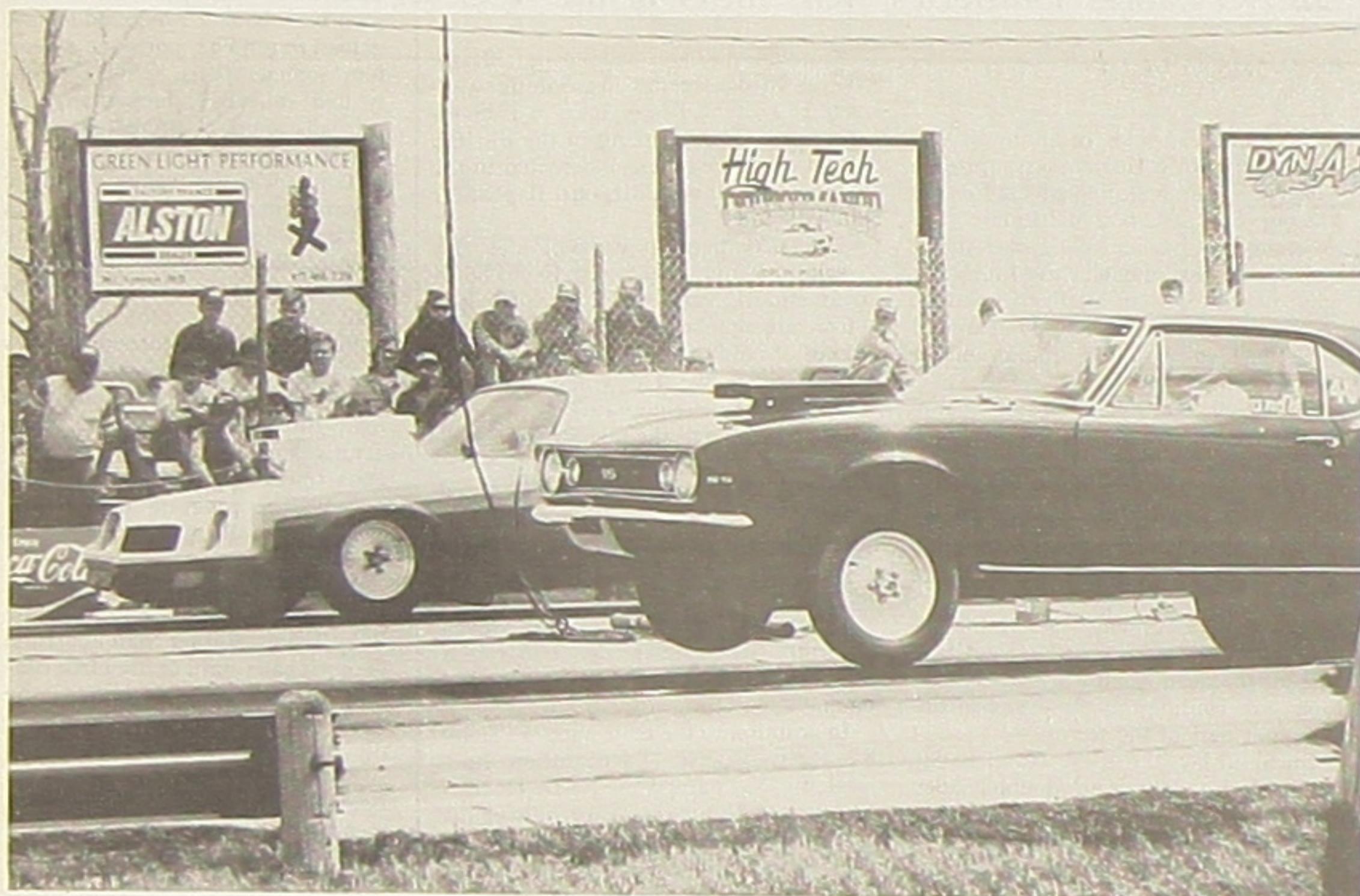
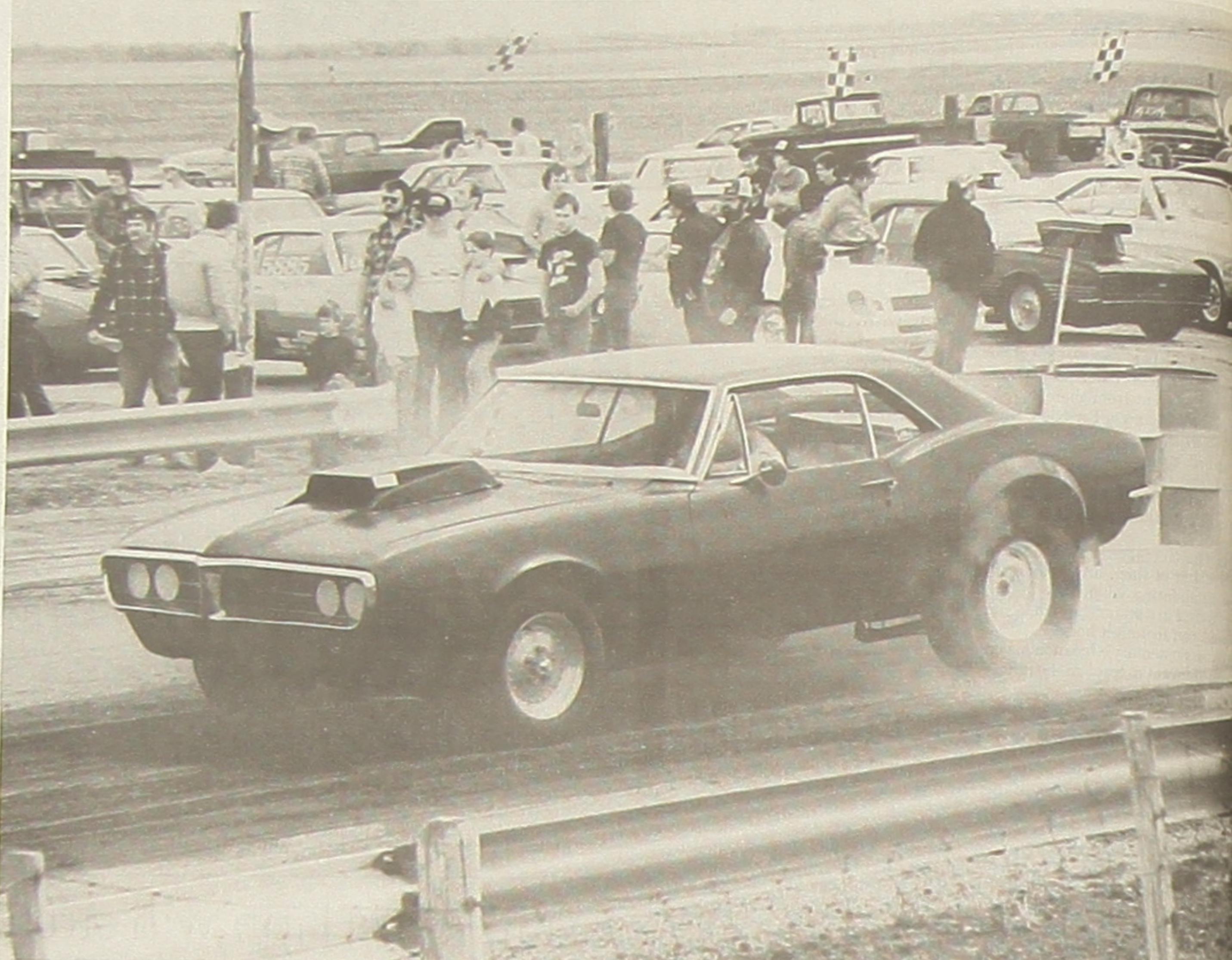
Racers from throughout the four-state area arrived for opening day. Time trials began at 9:30 a.m. with elimination racing starting at 1:30 p.m. Types of racers ranged from local residents with souped-up street cars to professional drivers with high-speed funny cars. Speeds in the races (before racing was postponed) ranged from 88-139 mph.

One of the racers who won his first race only to have his victory negated was Troy Williams, who drove his funny car more than 130 mph on the quarter-mile track. Williams, whose father, Joe, is a four-time world champion dragster, was frustrated by the number of false starts and delays that plagued the season-opening session.

"It was kind of tough to sit through all the false starts," said Williams of Springfield. "But sometimes these things happen, and you just have to hope for the best."

Williams has been racing for six years and has competed in races all over the country. His car, which he said can top out at 168-169 mph, competes in the Super Comp Elimination bracket. Mo-Kan offers \$500 to the winner of this bracket.

On Sunday, racers from around the U.S. will converge on Mo-Kan for the Fourth Annual Spring Championship.



(From top, clockwise) A racer burns off the tires of his Firebird in preparation for his race. Troy Williams, a driver from Springfield, shows off his funny car, which raced at speeds of more than 130 miles per hour Sunday, while some races were delayed due to false starts and faulty wiring. Smoke engulfs a racer as he completes his burnout to make his tires sticky, for better traction during the heats. The tower, which boldly displays the Mo-Kan emblem, overlooks the quarter-mile track as racers and technicians make preparations for the next heat. Two Camaros start a race, as the driver of the super-sport model stages a wheelstand.



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